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INSTALLATION OF INMARSAT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) The criteria for installation of INMARSAT in the country; and

(b) The extent to which it would be beneficial to the people?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has deployed INMARSAT terminals for providing Village Public Telephone (VPT) facility for the benefit of the public in the villages located in remote and inaccessible places which cannot be covered through existing terrestrial technologies. These terminals are also deployed for providing basic telephone connectivity in case of exigencies like flood, tsunami, earthquake etc. As such satellite based phones are specifically beneficial during disaster conditions.